

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3268
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MORE FUNDS FOR HIGHWAYS/NATIONAL HIGHWAYS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have allocated more funds for the development of Highways and National Highways in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have fixed any standard norms and criteria for choosing the Highways and National Highways for the expansion and extension works;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years, Highway-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.)
KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Government have allocated more funds during the current year 2000-01 for the development of National Highways in Tamil Nadu under the Annual Plan compared to the previous three years as indicated below.

Year Allocation (Rs lakh)

1997-98	2567.92
1998-99	3921.37
1999-2000	6754.08
2000-01	10342.21

Other Highways are the responsibility of the State Governments. An amount of Rs 67.03 crore has been earmarked during the current year under Central Road Fund for State roads. One third of this has already been released .

(c) & (d) Expansion and extension works on the existing National Highways are taken up based on the condition of the road, traffic volume, inter se priority and availability of funds.

(e) The expenditure incurred for Annual Plan Works on National Highways in Tamil Nadu during the last three years is as follows :

Year Expenditure (Rs lakh)

1997-98	1926.77
1998-99	3652.38
1999-2000	5348.20